



# Lowell City Council

## *Municipal Facilities SC Minutes*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** December 14, 2021  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** 375 Merrimack Street, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA/Zoom Hybrid

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were C. Drinkwater, C. Chau (Zoom) and C. Rourke. Also present were Chief Charron (LFD), Shawn Sirois (LFD), Manager Donoghue and Christine Clancy (DPW).

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

C. Drinkwater called the meeting to order noting purpose of the meeting and attendance.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Drinkwater summarized the report dated September 14, 2021 outlining priority repairs and costs. Ms. Clancy provided update of houses noting the replacement of several hot water heaters indicating the time frame and the delays due to supply issues. Ms. Clancy noted work would be done by DPW workers which would save on costs. Ms. Clancy outlined structural assessment which would be a larger and more costly project and that process would include an RFP proposal. Ms. Clancy indicated other projects scheduled which include the removal of hazardous materials, energy audit and re-pointing and stucco repair. Chief Charron commented on the assistance of the DPW as well as the need for all repairs which are immediate. Chief Charron indicated that there is a serious need for new infrastructure due to the age of the fire houses and that cannot be delayed or avoided. C. Drinkwater indicated that the needs are urgent and that there should be a commitment with new infrastructure moving forward. C. Rourke commented on the first round of money and requested the outlay for the added repairs to all houses to bring them up to date. C. Rourke noted the high costs associated with the projects and funding should be set up to cover same with capital planning and use of federal pandemic funds. Ms. Clancy noted there is a report with more detailed projects and costs. C. Chau commented on the urgent need and there must be constant movement forward. Mr. Sirois noted the fire houses were second homes to employees and that the age and lack of maintenance is concerning and projects must be completed. Manager Donoghue noted that these outlined repairs need to be done now and as they cannot wait for new infrastructure. C.



Rourke noted need to aggressively pursue federal money. C. Drinkwater questioned use of recent infrastructure bill money. Manager Donoghue noted they are working with Congress to secure funding if applicable.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to adjourn by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Chau. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk

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